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(54) OPTICAL MATERIAL

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To make it possible to form an optical material having excellent optical properties, low hygroscopicity and good heat resistance, by (co) polymerizing substituted а polar group tetracyclododecene derivative through ring opening.

CONSTITUTION: This optical material is formed from a polymer of one-tetracyclo[4.4.0.1 ^{2.5}.1 ^{7.10}]-3dodecene derivative or its copolymer with another copolymerizable monomer. In formula I, A¹ and B¹ are each a hydrogen atom or a 1W10C hydrocarbon group, X^1 and Y^1 are each a hydrogen atom, a 1W10C hydrocarbon group, a halogen atom or a halogenated 1W10C hydrocarbon group or the like. Examples of said copolymerizable monomers include bicyclo[2.2.1]-2-heptene derivative having a polar substituent group, of formula II(wherein \mbox{A}^2 and \mbox{B}^2 are each a hydrogen atom or a 1W10C hydrocarbon group, X2 and Y2 are each a hydrogen atom, 1W10C hydrocarbon group, a halogen atom, a halogenated 1W10C hydrocarbon group or the like).

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